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City-stuck soccer should "go west" for wealth

Every country's soccer strength lies in the provinces, even though the leading sides of the world come usually from the large cities and capitals.

In Australia, however, this depth of country talent simply does not exist.

Soccer in Australia is largely confined to the coastal areas with the code flourishing in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and Hobart.

Country must be reservoir

Canberra, Ipswich and Broken Hill are the only inland cities where soccer has any real hold.

Country soccer, however, is starting to wake up after decades of slumber and neglect.

New associations are springing up weekly and the only country centres without soccer in the whole of NSW are Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree, Wauchope, Tuncurry and Forster.

CONSCIOUS

Queensland country centres are also becoming soccer-conscious.

The code is well established at Ipswich, Rockhampton, Cairns, Townsville and Mount Isa where the large influx of migrants has pushed the sport to the top.

In the southern States the picture is not so rosy as it is once again the same old story of Australian rules football holding a tremendous grip on the population.

With the exception of Melbourne where soccer is booming, the code in Victoria has only taken on discreetly in the country areas.

Athough soccer is played at Geelong, Ballarat and the Latrobe Valley, participation is on a very small scale.

Australia has still a very long way to go before players from the country can make their presence felt on the nation's top teams.

There may be thousands of talented youngsters in the "hinterland" but their potential has yet to be mapped and tapped.

We suggest that the Australian Federation take immediate steps to begin a nation-wide campaign to bring the country areas into the soccer picture.

The Sydney first division ends earlier than usual this season with the competition winding up on August 18.

This offers a great opportunity for the eight clubs that missed the semi-finals to tour NSW.

VENTURE

It would be a wonderful venture if teams like Yugal, Hakoah, Croatia or Auburn — if they don't reach the semis — made trips to the country at the end of the premiership competition.

They could play a series of exhibition matches in various country towns.

It would give a tremendous boost to soccer and finally remove the stigma that soccer is a sport confined to the Australian coast.

A match at Cooma, Wagga, Griffith or any similar town would draw well and if the clubs got adequate financial support from the Federation, they could turn on a brand of football good enough to arouse interest in areas where the game is still played in paddocks, if played at all.

We would like to see the day, like in Rugby League, Union, or Australian Rules, when many of our top players come from the country.

Two years ago when the Fijians toured NSW and Queensland, they won every country match overwhelmingly but were completely outclassed by the representative Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and Queensland teams.

The fact that a team, which would not have finished in the top four of Sydney second division, could have scored such run-away wins against country opposition, is a sorry reflection on the standard of Australian country soccer.

The Australian Federation will be staging a national junior carnival in Sydney in October; we feel that a similar series for State country teams is long overdue.

However big soccer becomes in the large coastal cities the sport will never rest on solid, durable foundations if there is no large supply of country talent.

— **LOU GAUTIER**

Canterbury's new acquisition, centre forward Galambos made a quiet debut last week in match against Croatia. In this picture Croatia goalkeeper Djukic snatches the ball from Galambos' head who, in seeming disgust, closes his eyes and turns away.

Sydney Splinters

★ After six games Hakoah are the only team still without a win.

★ Gladesville recorded their third home draw out of three tries and once again failed to score in the second half—only once have they managed to do so.

★ Prague lost their first point of the season, Sth. Coast the first at home; Prague conceded more goals at Woonona than in the previous five matches put together.

★ Pan Hellenic were the second side this season (after Budapest) to lose a man early in the match yet force a draw at Drummoyne against Gladesville.

★ Sth. Coast and Prague, Gladesville and Pan Hellenic played their first respective drawn competition matches ever.

★ Hakoah suffered their second 4-5 defeat this season, could have rescued one point on both occasions.

NATIONAL SCENE

● Despite the bad weather on Sunday, which affected attendances, 19,600 spectators watched the seventh round of Sydney first division soccer.

● JUST and Slavia have broken clear from the rest of the field in Melbourne where infuriated George Cross supporters staged Australia's worst soccer riot after their team's 0-1 loss to Slavia.

Biggest shock of the weekend was Melbourne's 2-1 win over Polonia.

Hellas scored their second victory of the season but are still in the bottom half of the ladder.

19,500 watched Melbourne's matches.

● Newcastle and Queensland played a 3-3 draw at Wallsend in the Australian representative championship.

The match was played in pouring rain, restricting the attendance to 2,500.

Centre-forward Pattison scored a hat-trick for Queensland while Field netted twice and Brady converted a penalty for the home side.

● Budapest crashed 0-1 to Polonia in Adelaide, allowing Croatia to be a clear leader, one point ahead of Victoria and Polonia.

Budapest are only fourth, the lowest the champions have been since 1960.

Cumberland gained their first points when they beat Austria 2-1 but Lion are still pointless in last position.

● Latrobe went on top of the Queensland State League table when they narrowly beat lowly Blackstone 3-2.

New glamor team Merton downed mighty Hellenic 2-1 and Azzurri scored 12 goals against pointless Easts.

Hellenic, only fourth, have never been so low down on the table for the last three years.

YUGAL STAR WITHOUT CLEARANCE, FIFA CLAIMS

Yugal (Sydney) inside forward Ned Bulatovic may become the subject of a complicated and lengthy clearance dispute.

Late last week the Australian Federation secretary (Bob Clark) received a letter from FIFA advising that Bulatovic was a "suspended player."

The FIFA letter referred to a complaint from the Austrian F.A. claiming that Bulatovic had left Europe without an international clearance certificate.

SOCCER WORLD asked the player, a likeable and talented ball player, former Vojvodina star.

"I left Yugoslavia in August 1962 where last I played with Zombor (II. division) as an amateur.

"My club raised no objection, neither did it demand any transfer for me," he said.

"I went to Klagenfurt (Austria) where, with a provisional international clearance, I was allowed to play in competition matches.

"Last January the Yugoslav association cancelled my clearance saying that as I was under the age of 30, I was disallowed to play soccer abroad.

"Soon after that I decided to come to Australia and joined Yugal.

"If I can't play soccer in Sydney, I may return to Europe."

Federation secretary Bob Clark said FIFA appeared overzealous in the matter.

"The FIFA statutes say quite clearly that in such cases a country's association must file a direct protest.

"Instead, FIFA sent us this letter without mentioning whether it was the Yugoslavs or the Austrians who had objected to Bulatovic playing in Sydney."

Since the letter was received by the Australian Federation, Bob Clark had to pass it on to the NSW Soccer League for explanation.

This body, in turn, will have to report to the NSW Federation for action.

In other words, Bob Clark the Australian secretary may get the letter back in a week or two as the NSW secretary.

This is the normal and constitutional process — a process that may also save Bulatovic for Yugal.

"Luckily for them, they now have time to clear up this case before the NSW Federation is forced to take action.

"I believe Yugal have already taken steps through their diplomatic representatives in Sydney to secure a proper clearance for Bulatovic from Yugoslavia.

"If they get it, that will be good enough for us," said Bob Clark.

In other words, Yugal may be luckier than APIA was in the Stevenson-case late last year.

Bill Stevenson, former Glasgow Rangers wing half (now with Liverpool) was refused permission to play in Australia after the Scottish F.A. had lodged a protest.

DATES FOR SYDNEY GAMES

Here are the dates and venues for the deferred matches still to be played:

Bankstown v. Gladesville; McArthur Park, Sunday May 19.

Canterbury v. SCU; Woonona Oval, Sunday June 2.

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic; Wentworth Park, Saturday July 6.

Canterbury v. Auburn; Arlington Oval; Saturday July 6.

It's hard to understand why matches cancelled so early in the competition have to wait so long before they are played.

The Federation would be well advised to set a firm ruling for future cancellations.

Clubs should be forced to play postponed matches within three weeks at the most.

As things stand now with all these matches in hand the whole competition table will be meaningless until all the matches are played.

The Canterbury v. Auburn match was set down for the opening round, on March 23, yet it will only be played on July 6, many months behind schedule.

The vital Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic match, too, should have been played much earlier.

This weekend should have been the dead-line for all postponed matches.

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EDITORIAL

PUNISHED OR REWARDED?

The curious "justice" meted out to three Sydney players who refused to play or even train with the squad against Victoria amuses and annoys the public at the same time.

Two of the players who had previously announced their disinclination to play for Sydney were "punished" by barring them from such teams in the future.

In other words, the management committee granted their open wish, making it more of a reward than punishment.

The third player who honestly admitted that he was at fault for not withdrawing in writing from the squad was fined £10.

And it was only this third player who was and is still keen to play for Sydney and in whose case they could have found mitigating circumstances.

In Europe, in almost any country, players who openly defy a call to the representative team are fortwith suspended.

In Sydney, they are promptly rewarded.

This is no way of establishing any sort of credit for future representative sides.

The Federation has created a dangerous precedent and should not be surprised if on similar occasions in the future players will walk in and out of State squads as the mood strikes them.

And one more thing. It does not reflect too favorably on some players that they refuse to bring the smallest sacrifice for a community.

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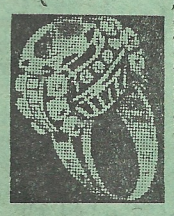
We speak; Hungarian, German and Czech

AROUND THE GLOBE

With Paul DEAN

Czechs lose glamor with two quick defeats

Two defeats in four days was the lot of World Cup runners-up Czechoslovakia last week.

First they lost to Austria in Vienna 1-3, then journeyed to Sofia where the Bulgarians also beat them 1:0.

These results, following in the footsteps of Czechoslovakia's elimination from the European Nations' Cup by East Germany, seem to indicate some trouble in the previously smooth Czech machinery.

Many experts claimed that their splendid run in the World Cup last year was a mere fluke.

However, it may be closer to the truth that their aging team had its last fling in Chile, then started to go downhill at great speed.

Against the Austrians the Czechs lined up without Masopust, Pluskal. Popluhar, Pospichal, Kucera and Jelinek as well as the permanently dropped goalkeeper Schroiff.

The Austrians, after a goalless first half, took command of the match and with Nemec' hat-trick within 18 minutes, dashed the Czech hopes.

For the match in Sofia the Czechs recalled Masopust and Pospichal.

However, even these two could not get the Czech team going and when Yakimov scored in the 23rd minute, the match was as good as over.

Now the Czechoslovaks must start rebuilding their team if they are to regain their 1962 high standing.

This may take them years, as it always does when a great team simply gets too old.

As for the Austrians, Vienna greeted the 3-1 in a jubilant mood.

Their horrible 1962 forgotten, Vienna's football "publikum" has renewed faith in manager Karl Decker to restore Austrian prestige that was so badly mauled in recent years.

ITALY

The whole of Italy is rejoicing over the first selection of young Sandrino Mazzola in the national team.

His father, Valentino Mazzola was Italy's great post-war inside forward until his death in the 1949 Superga air crash.

Father played for FC Torino while son is the star of Inter-Milan for whom he scored the only and winning goal against Juventus last week in the match that virtually clinched the title for Inter.

Mazzola will make his debut against Brazil in a forward line that also includes brilliant young inside left Rivera (Milan), the two Bologna wingers Bulgarelli and Pascutti and the Italo-Brazilian centre forward Sormani.

BELGIUM

The astonishing 5-1 of Belgium over Brazil appears to have sent some Belgian experts into a frenzy.

Said Luc Varenne, Brussels radio commentator after the match:

"I can say without any trace of undue modesty that the Belgian team which crushed Brazil was superior to the great Hungarians that conquered in London 10 years ago."

Belgium, by the way, has a knack for upsetting great teams.

In 1954 they beat Germany 2-0 which had just won the World Cup at Berne; in 1956 they defeated Hungary 5-4 which was still regarded as the world's best and now it was Brazil, the 1958 and 1962 world champions.

ENGLAND

Tottenham Hotspurs have become the first British team to enter a major European cup final.

By defeating the Yugoslav OFK Belgrade twice, the Londoners entered the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, to be played at Rotterdam later this month.

Their opponents will be the Spanish Atletico Madrid.

It is interesting to note that one winger in both teams is called Jones.

In Tottenham it is, of course, the speedy Welshman Cliff Jones while in Atletico the Brazilian Negro Jose Jones.

— o —

London's famous Arsenal club has decided to rebuild their rather old ground at Highbury.

At present it accommodates 68,000 people but when the job is completed, it will take in 130,000 spectators and will rank as the most modern stadium in England.

HUNGARY

Budapest's crack Honved team, or its coach rather, dropped famous international Lajos Tichy (26) who now plays in the reserves.

According to rumors Tichy had a bust-up with the coach, Gyula Lorant, his former team mate.

However, national team manager Baroti does not seem too worried as Tichy is still his first choice at inside left for the match against Sweden.

SWITZERLAND

Karl Rappan, Switzerland's on-again-off-again national team manager, is toying with the idea of reintroducing the attacking centre half system of the 1930's.

Lately he has been experimenting with Schneiter in the Lausanne team.

Rappan's famous "verrou" system of two centre halves, perfected in the 1940's, has gained worldwide recognition though today many experts rate it outdated.

FRANCE

Racing Paris, one of Europe's wealthiest and most prestigious clubs, will stage its annual international tournament in June.

Apart from Racing teams to compete will be Botafogo (Brazil), Ujpest (Hungary), and Anderlecht (Belgium).

Racing, though having a lean season, still commands the largest following of any French team.

SPAIN

Although Real Madrid have won the Spanish championship "by a mile", they are already planning some reinforcements for next season.

Two star forwards Real may sign are Garrincha from the Brazilian Botafogo and Akesbi from the French Reims.

Both Puskas and Di Stefano have contracts until the end of 1964 and are still good enough to hold their own against up-and-coming young forwards.

HOLLAND

Feyenoord supporters are looking forward to the European Cup semi-final return match in Lisbon with great optimism.

They claim that the Rotterdam first leg 0-0 should be enough to see them through to the final as not once did Feyenoord lose a European Cup-tie away from home.

However little do they know that Benfica's optimism is even better founded as their team has yet to lose a European Cup match at Luz Stadium.

SCOTLAND

Characteristically, neither of the two Scottish Cup finalists Rangers nor Celtic like to spend heavily on new players.

Although Rangers recently paid a record £30,000 for McLean from St. Mirren, they usually sell more players than they buy.

Rival Celtic seldom splash fantastic sums and normally use home-grown talent.

Their recent purchase of R. Craig from Blackburn Rovers for £20,000 duly shocked their fans.

AFRICA

The African continent has already given many "greats" to soccer.

At present quite a few play with leading European clubs and the majority of them are natives.

Their impressive list includes Bonga - Bonga (Standard Liege), Akesbi and Azhar (Reims), Yauca (Belenenses), Eusebio (Benfica), Edimo (Sochaux) and Chillan (Nimes), Coluna (Benfica) as well as dozens of white South Africans in England.

RESULTS & TABLES

FULL INTERNATIONALS: Bulgaria v. Czechoslovakia 1-0 (Sofia); Holland v. Brazil 1-0 (Rotterdam).

EUROPEAN CUP semi final: FC Dundee v. AC Milan 1-0 (Dundee; Milan enters final on 5-2 aggregate.)

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP semi final: Tottenham v. OFK Belgrade 3-1 (London; Tottenham enters final with two wins).

FAIR CITIES' CUP semi final Ferencvaros v. Dinamo Zagreb 0-1 (Budapest, first leg).

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL: Rangers v. Celtic 1-1 (will be replayed).

AUSTRIA (19th round): WAC v. Salzburg 2-0; Admira v. Austria 0-0; Schwechat v. Sportklub 2-1; GAK v. Wacker 3-0; SVS Linz v. Vienna 0-0; Simmering v. Rapid 4-1; Klagenfurt v. LASK 1-0. — Comp. leaders: Austria 27, Admira 26, Rapid 25, Sportklub 24, LASK 21, GAK 18 pts.

HOLLAND (21st round): Volewijckers v. Utrecht 2-2; Blauw Wit v. Tilburg 2-5; Enchede v. Eindoven 1-2; Sparta v. Geleen 2-0; Maastricht v. Heracles 1-1; Groningen v. Ajax 1-2; Breda v. Volendam 1-1; Den Haag v. Feyenoord 1-1. — **Comp. leaders:** Sparta 30, Utrecht 29, Eindhoven 28, Enschede 27, Ajax 25, Feyenoord and Geleen 24 pts.

HUNGARY (19th round): Honved v. Salgotarjan 1-0; MTK v. Pecs 0-0; Komlo v. Vasas 1-0; Szombathely v. Tatabanya 1-1; Dorog v. Debrecen 5-1; Szeged v. Ujpest 0-0; Ferencvaros v. Gyor 5-3. — **Comp. leaders:** Ferencvaros 24, Ujpest, Honved and MTK 23, Dorog 22, Tatabanya, Gyor and Szeged 20 pts.

ITALY (31st round): Bologna v. Fiorentina 2-1; Juventus v. Inter 0-1; Lanerossi v. FC Torino 0-1; Mantova v. Catania 3-1; AC Milan v. Genova 1-0; Napoli v. Modena 0-2 (interrupted); Palermo v. Atalanta 1-0; Sampdoria v. AS Roma 0-0; Spal v. Venezia 1-1. — **Comp. leaders:** Inter 47, Juventus 41, Bologna 40, AC Milan 39, Roma 36, Fiorentina 35, Lanerossi 33 pts.

YUGOSLAVIA (21st round): Zvezda v. Partizan 2-1; Dinamo v. OFK Belgrade 1-0; Vojvodina v. Sloboda 1-0; Velez v. Buducnost 3-1; Zeleznicar v. Rijeka 6-1; Hajduk v. Sarajevo 2-0. — **Comp. leaders:** Dinamo 35, Partizan 33, Zeleznicar 26(Velez, OFK and Zvezda 23 pts.

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Melbourne Round-up

FROM LEN STONE

Victoria calling

Recently transferred George Cross player-coach Tommy Anderson (to S.M. Hellas) was again picked as reserve only and spent the whole match on the bench watching. This was all the more surprising because Greek star player Margaritis was unable to play due to a thigh injury.

☆

When George Cross played Croatia at Olympic Village, West Heidelberg, on Easter Monday, it was obvious to me that the well supported Maltese Club has outgrown this ground. Therefore it was good to see George Cross choosing the Showground for last Saturday's game with Slavia. Unfortunately the match ended on a sour note when spectators invaded the field after Slavia defeated George Cross, making several players the target of their fury.

☆

The progressive JUST officials have taken steps to improve their ground at Shintler Reserve, Footscray and concrete terracing is on the way for a promising start to make the ground a really good one from the spectators point of view.

☆

Good news for soccer fans was the announcement that the English Cup final will be shown on ABV 2 Television station on Thursday evening May, 30, but the exact time has yet to be fixed.

☆

Brilliant JUST centre half Billy Rice created TV history last Sunday by being chosen "Sportsman of the Week" on Channel 7, the first time such an award went to soccer in this State.

☆

At Jubilee Park, Wilhelmina Soccer Club celebrated their 10th anniversary with a good 4-2 win over Lions. It is amazing to think that this famous club, which has won almost every honor in this State, is only 10 years old.

☆

Juventus took the field against Croatia without their livewire centre forward Frank Barbazza, absent attending the wedding of his brother.

INTERSTATE TABLES

MELBOURNE STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	4	2	0	14	5	10
Slavia	4	1	1	11	5	9
Polonia	3	1	2	15	6	7
George Cross	3	1	1	10	6	7
Hakoah	3	1	2	12	7	7
Juventus	2	2	2	9	7	6
S.M. Hellas	2	1	3	8	10	5
Melbourne	2	1	3	6	13	5
Wilhelmina	2	1	3	11	12	5
Lions	2	0	4	13	15	4
Croatia	0	4	2	10	14	4
Richmond	1	1	4	9	20	3

QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Latrobe	4	—	—	15	3	8
Merton R.	3	1	—	15	4	7
Azzurri	3	—	1	20	5	6
Hellenic	3	—	1	15	8	6
Grange-Th.	2	—	2	12	6	4
Oxley Utd.	2	—	2	14	12	4
Bundamba	1	1	2	11	12	3
Blackstone	1	—	3	10	7	2
Easts Utd.	—	—	4	6	31	0
Germania	—	—	4	1	21	0

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Redbank-Din'	3	1	—	15	8	7
Mitchelton	3	—	1	14	5	6
University	2	1	1	8	6	5
Croatia	2	—	1	7	5	4
Dnipro	1	1	2	6	12	3
Postal Inst.	—	—	4	2	10	0
Excelsior	—	—	4	2	16	0

S.A. FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	3	1	—	12	4	7
Victoria	3	—	1	7	4	6
Polonia	3	—	1	6	4	6
Budapest	2	1	1	7	2	5
Juventus	2	1	1	8	3	5
Orange	2	—	2	5	5	4
Enfield	1	1	2	6	9	3
Austria	1	—	3	6	9	3
Cumberland	1	—	3	3	8	2
Lion	—	—	4	1	19	—

LIONS COULD MAUL HELLAS ON SUNDAY

Two interesting matches have been scheduled for Olympic Park at the weekend with Juventus v. JUST on Saturday and Lions v. S.M. Helias on Sunday.

Another good game should be between Hakoah and George Cross at Middle Park, on Saturday.

JUST are still undefeated and Croatia recorded their fourth draw in six matches.

Polonia were defeated by Melbourne and the positions on the State League ladder still change frequently.

Juventus v. JUST

The Italians hope to have Frank Barbazza back in their line up against League leaders JUST who are always playing well at Olympic Park.

Their main drive comes from the superb half back line where Micic and Rusmir, two attacking wing halves will be hard to counter.

Juventus have a solid defence but so far this season their inability to form a winning forward line has cost them points.

JUST, with better all-round strength and teamwork, should win a tight game.

Richmond v. Melbourne

It was not altogether a surprise that Melbourne beat the stylish Polonia side last week.

Pearson, their star winger, had an excellent first half but faded towards the end and Zubiani, a tireless spearhead came in for a great deal of work.

If he gets the necessary support from his inside forwards, Melbourne must win despite Van Altena, McKenna, Burchart, Erasmus and Copeland who are playing reasonably well but have not clicked as a unit.

Polonia v. Croatia

This is another game in which anything could happen.

Polonia, with their wealth of star players, showed up weaknesses in their forward line.

Jurecki was burning on the left wing in the first half last Sunday but after the interval was shifted to inside forward and Gross was replaced.

These were unfortunate moves and if repeated, Croatia could take the points.

Croatia's forwards Fernie and Hankocks will need close attention.

The defence with Basic and Slivar is sound and difficult to pierce.

OLYMPIC PARK MATCHES

Saturday, May 11: JUVENTUS v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, May 12: LIONS v. S.M.-HELLAS

Saturday, May 18: GEORGE X v. JUVE.

Sunday, May 19: SLAVIA v. HAKOAH

Saturday, May 25: W'HELMINA v. JUVE.

Sunday, May 26: S.M.-HELLAS v. J.U.S.T.

Slavia v. Wilhelmina

Slavia performed well against George Cross last week and have proved that they are a well balanced side.

However, last week's game ended in a riot and at least two of their players, Borotaj and Glennie are almost certain to be unfit after being bashed by a crowd of spectators.

Wilhelmina have shown uneven form but with their pivot Van Alphen back in the side they should be stronger in defence.

However, Slavia have capable reserves and despite their loss of several key players could win a tough game.

Hakoah v. George Cross

Whenever these keen rivals meet, there are thrills, spills and a few fireworks served up for the crowd.

In Hakoah's team stable players such as Syd Thomas, Carmichael and young Rodgers had to make way for recent importations and so far this has not payed dividends.

A similar position exists in the Maltese camp but with the return of their regular spearhead Marshall Gibb in place of Dalli (sent off last week) the George Cross forwards should get back to scoring goals.

Hakoah, thanks to a brilliant defence, could force a draw.

Lions v. S. M. Hellas

It will be interesting to see if Hellas include Anderson, recently purchased from George X.

Pint-size wing half Papadopoulos celebrated his return after suspension with a great game.

This week he will be joined by Korkoulakous whose suspension has expired and if Margaritis is fit to return to the side, the Greeks must be regarded as favorites.

Lions are unlucky that their top defender Marth was suspended and much will depend on the tactical moves by "old boys" Mike De Brueyekere and Toni Vella.

On form, physical strength and teamwork, Hellas must take the points at Olympic Park on Sunday.

"BLACK SATURDAY"

Melbourne soccer drew nation-wide attention to itself last Saturday by a mass brawl and riot at the Showgrounds.

Violence at soccer matches has been practically eliminated since the advent of the Australian Federation.

A few hot-heads must not be allowed to wreck in a few minutes of uncontrolled savagery the efforts of all those who have brought soccer to the top in Australia.

Only a fortnight ago similar incidents took place at Naples, Italy.

The Italian F.A. struck out swiftly and banned the Naples Fuorigrotta Stadium for six months.

We hope similarly drastic action will be taken in Melbourne, where a few home games behind locked gates should quickly restore sanity.

The Victorian Federation must make certain that the nauseating scenes witnessed on "Black Saturday" never occur again.

— LOU GAUTIER

Melbourne results

STATE LEAGUE

Just v. Hakoah 2-0 (2-0)

Scorers: Jagodic and Grego for JUST. **Crowd: 2,000.**

Slavia v. George Cross 1-0 (0-0)

Scorer: McCoglan for Slavia **Crowd: 2,500.**

S.M. Hellas v. Richmond 4-2 (2-1).

Scorers: Kamboropoulos, Xanthopoulos, Pygolios and Hatzeleftheriou for Hellas; Erasmus 2 for Richmond.

Crowd: 4,000.

Juventus v. Croatia 1-1 (0-1)

Scorers: Bressan for Juventus; Bot for Croatia.

Crowd: 4,000.

Melbourne HSC v. Polonia 2-1 (1-1).

Scorers: Zubiani 2 for Melbourne, Vella for Polonia.

Crowd: 6,000.

Wilhelmina v. Lions 4-2 (2-1).

Scorers: Norris 3, Godthelp for Wilhelmina, Watson, Landherr for Lions.

FIRST DIVISION

NORTH. — Fiorentina 1 d. Coburg 0; Alexander 1 drew with Moreland 1; Box Hill 2 d. Moonee Ponds 0; Collingwood 6 d. Corio 2; Sicilia 2 d. Sunshine City 0; Williamstown 1 drew with University 1.

SOUTH. — Austria 3 d. South Yarra 1; Bayswater 2 d. Sandringham 1; Oakleigh 1 d. Brighton 0; Dandenong 1. d. Fern Tree Gully 0; Geelong 5 d. Makedonia 2; Triestina 4 d. Yallourn 1.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	5	1	—	22	5	11
APIA	5	—	1	27	11	10
Pan Hellenic	4	1	1	18	12	9
S. Coast U.	3	2	1	18	10	8
Budapest	3	2	2	12	9	8
Gladesville	2	3	1	11	12	7
Hakoah	—	4	2	16	18	4
Croatia	1	2	4	14	19	4
Yugal	2	—	5	15	25	4
Auburn	2	—	4	4	19	4
Canterbury	1	1	3	6	12	3
Bankstown	1	—	5	7	19	2

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	6	—	—	20	8	12
Croatia	4	1	2	18	19	9
Budapest	4	—	3	15	14	8
Hakoah	3	1	2	24	16	7
Pan Hellenic	3	1	2	12	11	7
Prague	3	1	2	13	13	7
S. Coast U.	3	—	3	16	10	6
Auburn	2	1	3	9	10	5
APIA	2	1	3	14	15	5
Canterbury	2	—	3	14	14	4
Gladesville	2	—	4	9	12	4
Yugal	—	—	7	6	28	—

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	4	—	1	11	2	8
Bankstown	4	—	2	21	8	8
Prague	3	2	—	15	8	8
S. Coast U.	2	3	1	15	7	7
Budapest	3	1	1	14	8	7
Gladesville	3	—	2	11	9	6
Pan Hellenic	3	—	3	13	20	6
Canterbury	2	1	1	10	7	5
Yugal	2	1	2	6	10	5
Auburn	1	1	4	8	13	3
APIA	1	1	4	8	19	3
Croatia	—	—	7	3	24	—

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	6	—	—	23	2	12
Granville-AEK	4	1	1	20	7	9
Polonia-NS	4	—	1	15	5	8
Concordia	4	—	1	10	6	8
Syd. Austral	3	1	1	12	10	7
Blacktown	2	—	3	9	7	4
Balgownie	2	—	2	9	8	4
Sutherland	2	—	3	12	14	4
Thistle	1	—	4	10	19	2
Melita Eagles	1	—	4	7	14	2
Toongabbie	1	—	5	8	24	2
Manly	—	—	6	12	30	—

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	4	1	1	19	5	9
Polonia-NS	4	1	—	10	3	9
Sutherland	4	1	1	21	9	9
Granville-AEK	4	—	2	26	8	8
Balgownie	3	2	—	12	8	8
Thistle	3	1	1	10	8	7
Blacktown	1	2	2	12	7	4
Melita Eagles	2	—	4	11	18	4
Syd. Austral	1	—	4	11	16	2
Manly	1	1	4	12	21	3
Concordia	1	—	5	7	34	2
Toongabbie	—	1	5	3	17	1

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
Second & Third Grade

APIA v. Bonkstown	3-5	0:6
Croatia v. Canterbury	5-3	0:5
Hakoah v. Yugal	6-0	3:0
Gladesville v. P. Hellenic	0-1	5:0
SCU v. Prague	0-1	2:2
Budapest v. Auburn	2-1	2:1

SECOND DIVISION
First & Second Grade

Polonia v. Syd. Austral	4-1	3:1
Melita E. v. Sutherland	2-4	1:6
Gran' AEK v. Balgownie	3-4	3:4
Thistle v. Corinthians	0-6	1:1
Blacktown v. Concordia	0-1	1:3
Manly v. Toongabbie	4-5	1:1

AMATEUR DIVISION
First & second grade

N. Banks' v. Uni. NSW.	5-1	10:0
Syd. Uni v. Belmore	16-3	1:3
Kuringai v. Lidcombe	3-3	3:1
CYO v. Sth Sydney	2-3	1:5
Marconi v. Kingsford	4-0	2:1
Penrith v. Hornsby	1-5	1:4

LEADING SCORERS

S. Patrinos (Pan Hellenic)	10
G. Giacometti (APIA)	9
B. Tristram (Prague)	9
L. Baumgartner (APIA)	8
G. Barnett (SCU)	7
R. Hoare (Croatia)	6
H. Ninaus (Hakoah)	6
L. Scheinflug (Prague)	6
A. Nincevic (Yugal)	5
H. Rodriguez (Budapest)	5

Soccer polls high

The PENINSULAR NEWS, published at the Sydney suburb of Newport, carried an interesting item recently.

At the Pittwater High School a vote was taken among the boys on the codes of football to be played.

This was the result: Rugby league 49, soccer 49, rugby union 24.

So the school decided to organise rugby league and soccer, discarding rugby union altogether.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

CROATIA
1 (1)

R. Hoare 22 min.

CANTERBURY
1 (1)

G. Kovacs own goal 30 min.

BUDAPEST
4 (2)

R. McLelland own goal 10 min., M. Krgin 25 min., L. Heredia 83 min., H. Rodriguez 89 min.

AUBURN
1 (0)

J. Bryce 70 min.

S. COAST UTD.
3 (2)

G. Barnet 35 & 56 mins., J. Aquero 38 min.

PRAGUE
3 (2)

R. Blitz 8 min., B. Tristram 31 min., L. Scheinflug 62 min.

APIA
4 (3)

G. Giacometti 4 min., L. Baumgartner 30 min., J. Wong 43 & 55 mins.

BANKSTOWN
1 (0)

T. Yates 51 min.

GLADESVILLE
2 (2)

B. Lewsham 9 min., G. McPhail 20 min.

PAN HELLENIC
2 (0)

S. Patrinos penalty 59 min., W. Van der Gaag 61 min.

HAKOAH
4 (2)

H. Ninaus 39 & 44 mins., R. Kearns 67 min., L. Bosklopper 88 min.

YUGAL
5 (2)

E. Nincevic 26 & 46 mins., T. Jelisavcic 51 & 78 mins., R. Kearns own goal 35 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

I. Djukic 4; A. Hetherington 3, B. Frlan 4; R. Pomahac 3, G. Kovacs 3, G. Fraser 4; P. Todorovic 3, E. Massey 4, R Hoare 3, P. Pascales 3, L. Schauman 2.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: E. Massey**

R. Corrie 4; D. Brown 4, G. Campbell 3; E. McLeod 3, T. North 3, I O'Reilly 3; J Amigo 4, J. Galambos 2, D. Senior 3, J. McCann 3, F. Morado 4.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: D. Adrigan**

E. Grosz 5; [illegible] Stegbauer 4, D. Buchanan 3; N. Brisby 4, P. [illegible]nicevic 4, H. Schaefer 4; M. Krgin 3, L. He[illegible]dia 4, H Rodriguez 4, S Isaac 3, V. Fernandez [illegible]

TOTAL: 42 **Coach: N. Szegedi**

J. Comonsoli 3; D. Lapwood 4, R. Baker 3; R. Hall 3, F. Van Gaalen 4, R McLelland 3; B. Staples 4, A. Jeffrey 4, N. Tran 3, J Bryce 3, D. Carr 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: J. Forgacs**

W. Billington 3; P. Woods 4, A. Ringland 3; *J. Kelly* 5, J. Harris 4, B. Salisbury 4; B. Harris 4, J. Aquero 4, *J Doherty* 5, G. Barnett 4, D. Patterson 3.

TOTAL: 43 **Coach: J. Kelly**

R. Lord 5; K. Hiron 3, J. Bond 4; G. Jones 4, J. Pettigrew 4, S. Sherwin 4; *R. Blitz* 6, B. Tristram 3, P. Hrncir 3, L Scheinflug 4, L. Gauto 3.

TOTAL: 43 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

J. Bout 4; C. Van Blerk 4, N. Cossettini 3; D. Fagan 4, J. M[illegible] 3, K Jaros 3; G Giacometti 3, P. Hug[illegible] L. B[illegible]ngartner 3, J Wong 4, G. McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: L. Baumgartner**

R. Brown 3; G. Burling 3, T. West 4; A. Reid 2, R. Madden 3, K. Woods 2; N. Stiffle 3, A. Westwater 2, T. Yates 4, S. Jessup 2, R. Neal 2.

TOTAL: 30 **Coach: N. Stiffle**

K. Hough 4; W. Addison 3, P. Keen 4; J. Arnott 4, N. Folwell 4, R Jones 3; S. Turner 4, B. Lewsham 3, P. Price 3, G. McPhail 4, J. McInnally 2.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: W. Murphy**

J. Hatzis 4; N. Yangou 2 (injured), S. Dacovvanos 3; C. Perkins 4, N. Rusalen 4, C. Omeros 3; W. Van der Gaag 4, *B. Smith* 5, J. Eleftheriadis 3, S. Patrinos 4, L. Tsombaras 2.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: J. Vlasits**

C. Horvath 2 (injured); J. Aird 3, H. Maxwell 3, R. Kearns 3, C. Thompson 2, G. Chaldi 4, J. Fekete 2, L. Bosklopper 3, H. Ninaus 4, B. Hume 2, E. Holder 3.

TOTAL: 31 **Coach: J. Bosanszky**

Z. Katnic 3; H. Ringhoff 4, J. Mucillo 4; M. Lazarevic 4, F. Dunaj 4, E. Schwartz 3; J. Alagich 2, N. Bulatovic 4, E. Nincevic 3, T. Jelisavcic 4, S. Pacanin 2.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: T. Jelisavcic**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Both teams lacked purpose. Croatia were superior midfield but Canterbury's forwards, had many more goalscoring opportunities. The feature of this very even match was the near-record number of off-sides from both teams. Croatia's 'new-look' side never clicked and the few good chances their forwards had were well saved by Corrie. The 'Berries' were dull and grey; only wingers Amigo and Morado added some color to their play.

Referee Scarborough was good despite some minor mistakes which did not influence the result.

Crowd: 2,200 **— PETER FLOW**

Despite a missed penalty Budapest were too strong in attack for Auburn. Apart from a 20-minute period in the second half, it was all Budapest. The local side showed more cohesion and polish than the rather dull visitors. The match was quite an attractive one and good propaganda for the first soccer game played at Hurstville Oval for over 20 years.

Referee N. Jones was fair but had a shaky spell in the second half.

Crowd: 2,500 **— PAUL BARCLAY**

South Coast and Prague staged the best match ever seen at Woonona according to seasoned spectators. It was easy to figure out why as both teams gave a scintillating display of precision football from start to finish. Prague relied on finesse and scientific footwork while the local side adopted the best of fast and direct tactics. The enthralling battle of wits ended in a deserved draw. Prague had the better of the first 30 minutes and last 10 while SCU exerted tremendous pressure for the remainder. Play see-sawed from one goal to the other with many players outstanding. Best man on the field, however, was Prague outside right Roy Blitz who gave a faultless exhibition of how the perfect wing man should play.

Referee Roy Pearce gave his usual excellent display.

Crowd: 3,900 **— LOU GAUTIER**

A dull, tedious, match which APIA never looked like losing because Bankstown were so mediocre. Had APIA's forward line not again been split with the dissention between Baumgartner and Giacometti, Bankstown would have conceded a cricket score. APIA only looked a premiership contender in some first half patches. They were listless after half time and contented to cling on to their comfortable lead. Bankstown's players were mediocre with the exception of tigerish West and opportunist Yates.

Referee L. Wilson was good but his linesmen were off-side happy.

Crowd: 3,300 **— LOU GAUTIER**

Pan Hellenic, one man short for the whole match, did well to share the points with Gladesville. The home team had much the better of play in the first half and could have led by four goals at half time. Once Patrinos scored yet another of his penalties, there was no stopping Pan Hellenic who completely took over until the last 10 minutes when Gladesville came back into the game. Highlight of an otherwise rather drab match was the unusual number of shots, from both sides, which hit the posts.

Referee S. Pundyk was fair.

Crowd: 3,600 **— RICK BRUCE**

An entertaining match with plenty of goals but very little really good football Yugal always had the upper hand and seemed to score whenever Hakoah closed the gap. Hakoah's defence was weak and Horvath's early injury contributed to several Yugal goals. On these displays both teams will be awfully hard pressed to reach the semi finals, especially Hakoah where even the right sort of material is lacking.

Referee K. Lockrey was very satisfactory.

Crowd: 4,100 **— PAUL DEAN**

TEAM OF THE WEEK

R. LORD (Prague)

H. STEGBAUER (Budapest) — P. KEEN (Gladesville)

J. KELLY (S.C.U.) — J. PETTIGREW (Prague) — G. FRASER (Croatia)

B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic) — J. WONG (APIA)

R. BLITZ (Prague) — J. DOHERTY (SCU) — F. MORADO (Canterbury)

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SEVEN MATCHES THIS WEEKEND

Sunday classic decides lead in premiership

With seven competition matches this weekend, Sydney fans will have a feast of football.

The odd match out is the previously postponed Prague v. APIA clash, now scheduled for Sunday.

Last week three of the six games ended in draws and only Yugal could record a win "away".

Bankst'n v. S. Coast

STEREOTYPE

Bankstown's poor form may finally enable South Coast to record a good win in Sydney.

At the very bottom of the table, Bankstown play an uninspiring sort of football, not showing one iota of deviation from the old stereotype and sterile game.

S. Coast, on the other hand, now have a really classy side which can go places.

With the able leadership of Doherty, Kelly and Barnett, the Woonona team is in fine enough form to win even in Sydney.

Anything but a S. Coast win would come as quite a shock.

Record: Bankstown 3, draw 0. S. Coast 7.

APIA v. Gladesville

HARD TOILERS

This match could be much tighter than many APIA followers may think.

In the past Gladesville often had the measure of APIA, even at dreaded Lambert Park.

APIA at present rely very much on the hard toil of Wong, Jaros and a few others to bear fruit.

Gladesville could blot out the most dangerous APIA goalscorers and go close to upsetting their favored opponents.

However, even against an improved Gladesville, the prospects of an APIA win are fairy good.

Record: APIA 4, draw 3, Gladesville 5.

Prague v. Croatia

ERRATIC

Last week Prague proved under extreme pressure that theirs is indeed a solid team.

In the Woonona "lion's den" they played and fought magnificently, saving a precious point.

A similar performance from them should be enough against a Croatia that still shows many signs of incohesion.

The Croatia defence is patchy while the forward line, potentially a good one, is too erratic.

Prague should win in an interesting and thrilling game.

Record: none.

Canterb'y v. Budap't

UNSETTLED

Revisiting their former home ground, Budapest are tipped to register their third win in eight days.

The combination of a youthful defence and polished Argentine-based forward line seems to have given Budapest a fairly well-balanced side.

Canterbury are making too many changes from week to week to allow the team to settle down.

Galambos will try to do his utmost against his former club, but, out of touch, he is unlikely to succeed.

Budapest's win is likelier in a low scoring match.

Record: Canterbury 3, draw 2, Budapest 3.

Prague v. APIA

CLASSIC

On Sunday this previously deferred match should pack the Sydney Athletic Field.

If both teams win on Saturday—as they should—their clash next day will decide whether the lead changes hands or Prague stays on top.

Both are in good form and the occasion is certain to bring out the best in them.

In the past their encounters always proved classics, often deciding the championship.

This could be a repetition of the past with Prague our tip to win.

Record: Prague 5, draw 3, APIA 4.

Auburn v. Hakoah

SLIPPING

Two teams out of form will meet here for the points that they desperately need.

Hakoah, without a win, are fast slipping down the table and only a string of successes could stop that.

Their team this year is about 75 per cent. weaker than the one they had last year.

In fact, somebody could crack that now only the name has to be changed to protect the innocent.

Auburn's form has been very poor, a far cry from their great Ampol Cup run.

Record: Auburn 2, draw 3, Hakoah 7.

P. Hellenic v. Yugal

CONTRASTING

Two contrasting styles will be on display in this match.

Pan Hellenic runs, bustles and fights in a determined, at times uneconomic, fashion.

Yugal prefers to crawl at a slow pace, indulging in many an unnecessary side pass, back pass and aimless dribble.

Yugal is the classier of the two teams, but this in recent weeks has not been too evident.

A result close to a draw with several goals could be the outcome.

Record: Pan Hellenic 1, draw 0, Yugal 1.

— PAUL DEAN

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 11

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

BANKSTOWN v. SCU	—	Bankstown Oval
APIA v. GLADESVILLE	—	Wentworth Park
C'BURY v. BUDAPEST	—	Arlington Oval
PRAGUE v. CROATIA	—	Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

M. EAGLES v. BLACKT'N	—	Fraser Park
SYD. AUST. v. C'CORDIA	—	Cricket Ground No. 2
T'GABBIE v. POLONIA	—	Girraween Park

SUNDAY, MAY 12

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

AUBURN v. HAKOAH	—	Mona Park
P. HELLENIC v. YUGAL	—	Wentworth Park
PRAGUE v. APIA (deferred match)	—	Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

BALGOWNIE v. THISTLE	—	Balgownie Oval
S'LAND v. GRANVILLE	—	Seymour Shaw Park
CORINTHIANS v. MANLY	—	Fraser Park

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 18

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

CROATIA v. B'TOWN	—	Ground to be arranged
GLADESVILLE v. YUGAL	—	Drummoyne Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

THISTLE v. SU'LAND	—	Arlington Oval
C'CORDIA v. T'GABBIE	—	Knight's Park

SUNDAY, MAY 19

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

AUBURN v. P. HELLENIC	—	Mona Park
HAKOAH v. C'BURY	—	Wentworth Park
BUDAPEST v. PRAGUE	—	Sydney Athletic Field
S. COAST v. APIA	—	Woonoona Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

POLONIA v. C'THIANS	—	Drummoyne Oval
MANLY v. BALGOWNIE	—	Dee Why Oval
GRANV'E v. M. EAGLES	—	McArthur Park
BLACKT'N v. SYD. AUST.	—	Francis Park, Blacktown

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	RICK BRUCE	PAUL BARCLAY	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Bankstown v. SCU	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
APIA v. Gladesville	1	1	x	1	x	1	1	1
Canterb'y v. Budap't	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Prague v. Croatia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Auburn v. Hakoah	2	2	2	x	2	x	2	2
P. Hellenic v. Yugal	x	1	x	2	2	x	1	x

* *Jim Kelly, Sydney captain-coach.*

SYDNEY LINE-UPS

PRAGUE v. CROATIA

R. LORD	1	F. DJUKIC
K. HIRON	2	R. POMAHAC
J. BOND	3	B. FRLAN
G. JONES	4	A. HETHERINGTON
J. PETTIGREW	5	G. KOVACS
S. SHERWIN	6	G. FRASER
R. BLITZ	7	S. TODOROVIC
B. TRISTRAM	8	E. MASSEY
P. HRNCIR	9	R. HOARE
L. SCHEINFLUG	10	T. McWATTERS
L. GAUTO	11	L. SCHAUMAN

REFEREE: N. JONES — LINESMEN: Buchan — Sorbie

CANTERBURY v. BUDAPEST

M. CORRIE	1	E. GROSZ
T. NORTH	2	H. STEGBAUER
G. CAMPBELL	3	D. BUCHANAN
E. McLEOD	4	N. BRISBY
J. CURRY	5	P. BANICEVIC
D. BROWN	6	H. SCHAEFER
J. AMIGO	7	M. KRGIN
J. GALAMBOS	8	L. HEREDIA
D. SENIOR	9	H. RODRIGUEZ
J. McCANN	10	S. ISAAC
F. MORADO	11	V. FERNANDEZ

REFEREE: F. SBISA — LINESMEN: Wilson — Hinkelman

BANKSTOWN v. STH. COAST UTD.

R. BROWN	1	W. BILLINGTON
V. JACK	2	P. WOODS
T. WEST	3	A. RINGLAND
A. REID	4	J KELLY
R. MADDEN	5	J. HARRIS
K. WOODS	6	B. SALISBURY
J. STIFFLE	7	B. HARRIS
A. WESTWATER	8	J. AGUERO
T. YATES	9	J. DOHERTY
S. JESSUP	10	G. BARNETT
R. NEAL	11	D. PATTERSON

REFEREE: H. EILERTS — LINESMEN: Woolman — Henderson

APIA v. GLADESVILLE

A. IGLESIAS	1	K. HOUGH
C. VAN BLERK	2	W. ADDISON
N. COSETTINI	3	P. KEEN
D. FAGAN	4	J. ARNOTT
J. MARSTON	5	N. FOLWELL
K. JAROS	6	R. JONES
P. GIACOMETTI	7	S. TURNER
P. HUGHES	8	B. LEWSHAM
L. BAUMGARTNER	9	P. PRICE
J. WONG	10	G. McPHAIL
P. BOTALLICO	11	J. McINALLY

REFEREE: K. LOCKREY — LINESMEN: Brown — O'Connor

PAN HELLENIC v. YUGAL

J. HATZIS	1	K. SPIEGEL
G. YANGOU	2	H. RINGHOFF
S DACOVVANOS	3	J. MUCILLO
C. PERKINS	4	E. SCHWARTZ
N. RUSALEN	5	F. DUNAJ
S. PATRINOS	6	M. LAZAREVICH
C. OMEROS	7	J. ALAGICH
B. SMITH	8	N. BULATOVIC
W. VAN DER GAAG	9	A. NINCEVICH
J. ELEFTHERIADIS	10	T. YELISAVCIC
L. TSOMBARAS	11	B. PACANIN

REFEREE: R. PEARCE — LINESMEN: Scifleet — Irons

AUBURN v. HAKOAH

J. CORMONSOLI	1	C. HORVATH
D. LAPWOOD	2	J. AIRD
J. PRETSWELL	3	H. MAXWELL
R. HALL	4	R. KEARNS
F. VAN GAALEN	5	C. THOMPSON
R. McLELLAND	6	G. CHALDI
B. STAPLES	7	L. BOSKLOPPER
J. BRYCE	8	A. SAGHI
N. TRAN	9	H. NINAUS
R. BAKER	10	W. HUME
A. JEFFREY	11	E. HOLDER

REFEREE: A. BOSCOVIC — LINESMEN: Cook — Worthington

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BRISBANE AND IPSWICH

Latrobe snatches lead, Azzurri scores a dozen

Latrobe went to the top of the Federation State League premiership table when they defeated Blackstone by the odd goal in five, while Hellenics lost to Merton Rovers.

Lats were forced to fight all the way at Blackstone and got the winning goal only two minutes before full time.

Lats led first and at half time were ahead 2-1, they came again after the resumption, but by hard play Blackstone equalised half way through the second half.

Just when a draw looked certain, Lats came fighting and John Darlington, who had scored the two previous goals, got his hat trick and the winning goal.

Lats now remain the only team with 100 per cent record.

Latrobe 3 (J. Darlington 3) d. **Blackstone** 2 (C. Smith, M. Woolley).

Hellenic went down narrowly to Merton at Heath Park last Saturday, and there is no doubt the absence of Col Kitching was mainly responsible for this.

FROM LEN TODD

Without the leader of their attack, the Hellenic forward line was like a ship without a rudder, floundering helplessly.

It is true that there were several occasions when the Merton defenders scrambled the ball away from the line with the keeper well beaten, but even so Hellenic's shooting was far below standard.

However, you must not take away credit from Merton for their win.

They took the few chances offering and Pattison's two goals were gems.

Andy Tsombaras, transferred from Pan Hellenic (Sydney) for £500, scored Hellenics only goal and it was a beauty.

Grahame Kitching sent over a well placed corner and he jumped high into the air to head the ball into the net.

Merton Rovers 2 (E. Pattison) d. **Hellenic** 1 (A. Tsombaras.)

George Shearer, Grange-Thistle's latest Scottish importation who after only 11 days in Australia was selected to play for Queensland against Northern NSW, again played a main part in the Grange team's convincing 5-1 win over Bundamba at Lanham Park.

Shearer, now appointed captain — coach of Grange, scored two fine goals but his ball distribution and positional play was also a delight to see.

Keep an eye out for more successes by Grange-Thistle.

Grange's win was all the more meritorious as they lost the services of Barry Dann, who was taken to hospital with an injured shoulder.

Grange v. Thistle 5(G. Shearer 2, J. McDonald, A. Keenan, P. Flanagan.) d. **Bundamba** 1 (B. Parkes).

Azzurri ran riot to defeat Easts United by 12-1, after a game that would never gain converts to soccer.

True, goals came with almost monotonous regularity, but such a deluge does not inspire spectators.

Spencer Kitching who many thought should have replaced Mal Wild in the State team, scored five goals, and Bunny Nunn in his second comeback game, scored three.

Azzurri 12 (S. Kitching 5, Robertson, S. Dedman) d. G. Nunn 3, C. Sander, A. **Easts United** 1 (D. Bobbermein).

Germania held Oxley United to 2-0 and although there was some improvement in the form of Germania, who included a few new players, the failure of Oxley's attack played a big part.

They scored twice in the first 10 minutes, but after that could not get through mainly because of bad finishing by their attack.

Germania players were also well off the target for the greater part of the game and if they are to gain any points they must get more speed.

Oxley United 2 (M. Campbell) d. **Germania** 0.

LEADING GOALSCORERS	
ERIC PATTISON	8
JOHN DARLINGTON	7
GRAHAM McMILLAN	6
SPENCER KITCHING	6
COL. KITCHING	5

NEXT WEEK-END

Bundamba v. Germania, at Bundamba.

Hellenic v. Grange-Thistle, at the Exhibition.

Easts United v. Merton, at Heath Park.

Azzurri v. Latrobe, Exhibition.

Oxley United v. Blackstone, at Dunlop Park, Corinda.

Hellenic v. Grange to test Saturday appeal

One of the highlights of the week-end's State League matches will be the meeting of Hellenic and Grange Thistle at the Exhibition Oval on Saturday.

This match should give a true guide as to the possibilities of good attendances there on a Saturday.

The game is attractive enough to draw a record crowd to see if the Grange-Thistle improvement is really as real as it has looked so far.

Frankly, I would not like to forecast the result of this match; it could go either way.

Grange are quietly confident, as, of course, are Hellenic.

Sunday's highlight is equally attractive, with Latrobe home to Azzurri at the Exhibition Oval.

Here is another game that could be very close.

Latrobe's goal scoring record stands at 15 for and three against after three rounds, indicating a solid defence and a good attack.

Azzurri's thirst for goals against East United is an indication as to the strength of their attack, but they will find the Latrobe defence a much tougher proposition than that of Easts'.

This will also be close and could end in a draw.

These are two major atractions and it is up to the fans to try to interest as many of their friends as possible to come along.

Easts' United play Merton at Heath Park on Saturday, and this result seems a foregone conclusion: a comfortable win for Merton.

On Sunday at Bundamba the home team should account for Germania, whose form has been poor.

At Dunlop Park, also on Sunday, Oxley United meet Blackstone, and here again we have another of those games that look open.

Oxley, with the ground advantage, may just edge out their visitors, but a draw would not surprise.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

EXHIBITION OVAL — 2.45 p.m.

Hellenic: B. Topfer, D. Clark, D. McKenna, J. McCarthy, L. McCrea, L. Petie, G. Kitching, B. Vogler, G. Vincze, A. Tsombaras, G. McMillan.

Grange-Thistle: A. Rigby, J. Wallastein, A. Smith, T. Berwick, I. Shaw, L. Souter, J. McDonald, A. Keenan, P. Flanagan, G. Shearer, B. Dann.

HEATH PARK — 2.45 p.m.

Easts United: K. Weir or K. Eden, S. Ward, G. Shiner, J. McIntyre, C. Howell, M. Hay, D. Bobbermein, L. McMillan, J. O'Shea, T. Catchpole M. Bohan.

Merton: N. Williams, G. Meagher, H. Gani, G. Catchpole, N. Warren, I. Davidson, T. Alder, J. Anthony, E. Pattison, L. Petersen, A. Morris.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

EXHIBITION OVAL — 2.45 p.m.

Latrobe: B. Parker, R. Harkness, J. Wakeley, A. Bain, R. Clarke, B. Brennan, J. Taylor, M. Wynne, R. Richards J. Darlington, J. Jenkins.

Azzurri: G. Kruger, G. Kathage, L. Minutello, J. Mengotti, A. Warren, C. Sander, S. Kitching, F. Cleeton, G. Nunn, A. Robertson, S. Derman.

BUNDAMBA — 2.45 p.m.

Bundamba: A. Hudson, F. Johnson, G. Petie, P. Camplin, M. Bamberry, W. Pitcairn, M. Kitching, B. Parkes, R. Lawrie, I. Johnson, J. Richards.

Germania: K. Shepherd, J. Schneider, E. Pemberton, N. Kerswell, G. Hahn, W. Stransky, S.Morgan, R. Ganzenmueller, F. Grubitzky, R. Jenkins, L. Kilmartin.

DUNLOP PARK — 2.45 p.m.

Oxley: G. Arrowsmith, P. Wilson, K. Fredline, C. Wilson, L. Jones, E. Hillier, A. Karbonowitz, R. Wilson, R. Evans, J. Gorrie, G. Campbell.

Blackstone: D. Brown, T. Patterson, D. Hughes, W. McCrea, G. Hughes, C. Smith, R. Hughes, M. Woolley, R. Woodford R. Wells, R. Follett.

Allan Crisp's Adelaide summary

Crippled Budapest face tough Victoria

Budapest will oppose Victoria in a game vital to the premiership aspirations of both at the Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

Last year's champions will still be without Les Matiscsak, and the Budapest trainers will have a battle against the clock to "repair" full-backs Nemeth and Balter.

Both defenders were limping badly last week and must be given only a small chance to resume on Saturday.

With Roy Felton still nursing the injury he received against Croatia, Victoria also have problems.

Budapest appear certain to be below full-strength but they have strong reserves and may just gain the verdict on the Hindmarsh Stadium.

Referee: T. Frost

Enfield v. Polonia

ENFIELD RESERVE
Referee: G. Lamb

The meeting of the two red-and-whites should provide fast, lively football.

Polonia, after their great win over Budapest, have earned favoritism and should succeed against Enfield also.

Polonia's new boys, Sinclair, Stephenson and Chapman have transformed the side.

Formerly with Sutherland (Sydney second division) Chapman and Stephenson, are both 90-minute players who give the game everything they have.

Polonia last week introduced another newcomer, McAllister from Elizabeth and the tall half back looked promising.

Austria v. Juventus

BAILEY RESERVE
Referee: D. Gardner

Austria, with only two points to show after four games, are hovering too close to the relegation zone for comfort.

On Saturday they will tangle with a Juventus hot on a come-back trail.

Austria began the season brilliantly scoring 10 goals in their first two games, but have managed only one in the last two matches.

Juventus lost to Austria in a pre-season trial game, but should reverse the decision on Saturday.

Croatia v. Cumberland

HANSON RESERVE
Referee: W. Hosie

Croatia may consolidate their position at the head of the table by downing Cumberland at Hanson Reserve.

Cumberland have surprised Croatia on this ground in the past but the home side look much too powerful on this occasion.

Cumberland's strength lies in defence but I can't see them keeping a clean sheet against "goal-hungry" Croatia.

Lion v. Orange

CROYDON PARK
Referee: J. Hankinson

Lion are experiencing their most disastrous season since entering first division.

The one ray of hope for their dwindling supporters to cling to is the fact that last week they showed a distinct improvement.

With Vincic back after his week's suspension, Lion will be stronger.

Too often Lion have played well in the first half but have run out of condition in the second.

Orange are a renowned team of "goers" and they could come away with both points.

INSPIRED POLONIA SCORES GOOD WIN

Polonia, playing like a side inspired, inflicted the first defeat of the season on Budapest last Saturday.

The lively Polonia attack, backed by a resolute defence, won the day and sent Budapest careering from first place to fourth on the premiership table.

Budapest were unlucky to lose both full-backs through injury.

Polonia v. Budapest 1-0

They were unsettled when Nemeth went off in the first half and had to see out the game with 10 men after Frank Balter's mishap.

Nothing should be allowed to detract from Polonia's great win, however, as with Chapman spearheading a hard-working attack, Budapest were subjected to almost continual pressure.

Goalscorer: Reynolds for Polonia.

Cumberl'd v. Austria 2-1

Cumberland crashed through the "goal-barrier" to record their first victory of the season.

Before Saturday's game Cumberland had scored only two goals compared with Austria's 10, so this result must be classified as an upset.

Austria gained an early break but Cumberland levelled before half-time.

With only eight minutes of play left, Stockley netted a penalty to give Cumberland two invaluable points.

Goalscorers: Stockley (2) for Cumberland; Gruber for Austria.

Orange v. Croatia 0:3

Croatia withstood a determined opening burst from Orange to run out comfortable winners and take over as league leaders.

Croatia established a 2-goal lead at half-time, and although superior in the second term, could penetrate the Orange defence only once more.

Peter Jaksa displayed all his old ball wizardry in a sparkling return to form for Croatia and Billy Graham was at his reliable best in defence.

Consistent Muller and fellow defenders Theunissen and J. Huider were outstanding for Orange.

Goalscorers: Jaksa (2), Slager for Croatia.

Juventus v. Enfield 4-0

Juventus re-entered the winning list and, as a result, moved up to fifth place on the league ladder.

Heroes of the Juventus renaissance were vice-captain Johnny Chiappin, Syd Rosetto and Dave Howlett.

The latter paved the way for three goals apart from scoring one from a Govelli rebound.

Features of the game were the return to goal-scoring form of Ted Donnelly, and the great defensive effort of Enfield stalwart Jack Mather.

Goalscorers: Donnelly (2), Crawford, Howlett for Juventus.

Victoria v. Lion 2-0

Although beaten, Lion put up their best performance this season in opposition to the strong Victoria side.

Lion held on tenaciously to keep Victoria scoreless in the first half, but young Lange and makeshift forward Gordon broke through to clinch the points for Victoria.

Goalscorers: Lange, Gordon for Victoria.

LEADING SCORERS	
BEATTIE (Austria)	6
SLAGER (Croatia)	6
FRASER (Enfield)	4
JAKSA (Croatia)	4
MATISCSAK (Budapest)	3
BAINES (Austria)	3
DONNELLY (Juventus)	2
KATOLIK (Polonia)	2
STOCKLEY (Cumberland)	2
HOLLIS (Orange)	2
LYSTER (Orange)	2
REYNOLDS (Polonia)	2

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY

WINDSOR v. BIRKALLA (Referee: Wharton)

SALISBURY v. PT. ADEL. (Referee: Newman)

MALTA v. ELIZABETH (Referee: Stevens)

E'BURGH v. BEOGRAD (Referee: Candy)

MITCHAM v. HELLAS (Referee: Lowcock)

Crisp Comments

An interested spectator at Croydon Park last Saturday was Gen. Julius Kleeberg, who is the chairman of the Polish community in Australia.

When Jim McCabe (Croatia) was chosen as ADS Channel 7's "Sportsman of the Week," he became the second soccer player to be accorded the honor. The first was Karl Marton (Budapest), following S.A's great victory over Victoria last season. The award is made every Sunday on the "World of Sport" programme.

The meteoric rise of Malta to second position in second division is attributed by Malta officials to the dedicated work of their young coach, Leli Monsigneur. Malta expect to have two new players from Malta within two weeks and also one from Scotland.

WELL COACHED KIDS COULD OUTSHINE MOST OVERRATED IMPORTS

Soccer in Australia, and particularly Sydney, has made fantastic progress since 1957, when the Federation was formed.

We have come from the undignified position of "cinderella" sport in this State, to where we are today nipping the heels of the great Rugby League itself, for so long the "only" winter sport of the New South Welshman.

We have done this mainly through the importation of a number of overseas players, thereby bringing the migrants out in their thousands, to watch the game they love and support their particular "national" team.

Our standards shot up overnight and some of us were carried away with this upsurge to such an extent that we made quite a few ridiculous statements to the extent that we are fielding world class teams each week in Sydney.

However, we are just beginning to learn the sad truth.

The fact is, most of our much vaunted 'world class' imports are very modest players indeed.

But it is not really the players who are to be blamed but us, for we only fooled ourselves.

Of all the imports who came to this country only one, Joe Galeczka could return home to become a success, being a regular member of the Polish national team.

However, no one in Poland would even suggest that Galeczka is in world class.

The time has come when we must pause till we gain our bearings, and just take stock for awhile.

How far are we really away from world class football?

We are so far off that a fully trained and conditioned Australian team would still have trouble winning a match against any overseas club side of note.

I think the day is not far away when we will regain our senses and instead of importing hundreds of "gold digging" cast-offs, we will import world class coaches who will teach our youngsters from an early age.

We will see the day when 11 locally born youngsters can perform "streets ahead" of the stars of today.

BY RICK BRUCE

Our future is not wrapped up so much in the stars who come here to make a fortune, as some people would have us believe, but in the kids in the parks with the ball at their feet.

We must give these boys the chance by absolute world class coaches.

The time must come when clubs will stop throwing away fortunes each year on overrated imports.

When every club will have a full-time manager, coach and professional players including a staff of apprentice professionals.

An all-out effort should be made first by the Federation, and then all individual clubs, to gain their own social clubs.

This will subsidise the scheme and keep all clubs in a healthy financial state.

The way our clubs are run at the moment is just one big waste, from which only a few players benefit.

Perhaps the State selectors were shocked recently when some of their "stars" would not play with the State team.

Well, let's face it, unless you promised these gentlemen £50 a match, they will remain uninterested.

But give 11 talented young boys a few years to develop under a world class coach as apprentice professionals and you'll have better players, who will play for their State or country every time you ask them.

The time has come when we must all stop thinking of next Sunday and begin to think of next year, the year after or perhaps five years hence.

PATRINOS THE PENALTY KING

Pan Hellenic's Sot Patrinos could claim something of a world record after scoring yet another penalty last Sunday.

Patrinos has scored no less than eight penalties since the start of the competition.

Pan Hellenic have been awarded one, and even two, penalties in every of their six premiership matches to date.

And Sot has not missed one yet...

Eight penalties in six matches might seem incredible but the strange thing is that every one of them, with the exception perhaps of the first one against APIA in the second competition round, have been fully justified.

The vital penalties against APIA, Croatia and Gladesville have been worth at least four points to Pan Hellenic — the difference between a berth in the top four and middle-class status.

N.Z. schoolboys to tour Australia

The NSW Amateur Soccer Football Association has issued an invitation for the New Zealand national schoolboy team to tour Australia in May 1964.

The invitation was presented at the annual meeting of the N.Z. F.A. junior council at Wellington on May 4.

The resumption of international schoolboy football follows a wish expressed by FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous when in Sydney last September.

Sir Stanley has now confirmed the opinion in a letter to the chairman of the N.Z.F.A., Mr. James Kershaw.

The FIFA ruling also states that amateur players from Australia should not be refused permission to play in N.Z., provided they had clearances.

N.Z. Junior Council chairman Mr. John Sibbin will recommend that schoolboy players be under 15 years on January 1, 1964.

NSW officials have the age group under consideration.

Some favor under-16 years, as the Federation under-18 series would link better with under 16s.

Amateur Association officials will discuss this aspect with the chairman of Federation schools and junior committee, Mr. Frank Parsons.

Also to be discussed is the scope of the proposed tour.

Possibility is that matches will be played in Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Wollongong.

Arrangements for the tour are expected to lead to formation of an Australian national Junior Association.

KEITH GILMOUR

BRAZIL IS DOWN BUT NOT OUT YET

— *From C. de Oliveira, SOCCER WORLD special writer* —

PARIS, Mon. — Two defeats out of the first three matches on their grand tour of Europe was enough for many people to say "amen" over the coffin of Brazilian soccer.

In fact, one has the inescapable impression that people here in Western Europe are rather glad to see Brazil humiliated.

People like to break down the genius to man-size and take the first opportunity to destroy his legend.

I have been travelling with the Brazilian team for over two weeks now, reporting for my papers in Latin America as well as SOCCER WORLD in Australia.

NOT TRAGIC

Let me start off by saying: there's nothing wrong with Brazilian soccer. Nothing fundamental, that is.

At Lisbon a leg-weary team took the field after two days of air travel.

The Portuguese were keen: they wanted to score their first win for many a long year.

Brazil lost 1-0, in itself neither a tragedy nor a humiliation.

Three days later the team played at Brussels. Here the injured Pele could not be included in the side.

But the 5-1 defeat has some other explanations. The Belgians played lightning-fast football in the first 20 minutes, scoring incredible goals on the run.

These sort of things come off once in a lifetime — and for them it worked just now.

Before Brazil woke up from a daze, it was 4-0 and over. I admit that 5-1 is a margin which no world champion should go down by.

But Brazil did, without either manager Moreira or any of the players blaming anybody for it. And therein lies Brazil's greatness.

In the first week in Europe almost all players suffered terribly from the usual acclimatisation pains.

The players were so tired they hardly wanted to get out of bed in the mornings. Hardly any of them had any appetite at all.

Let's remember: all teams went through the same agony in Chile last year even though most had arrived in Santiago weeks before the World Cup in order to overcome this crisis early.

The Brazilian party could not afford the luxury of spending two or three weeks in Europe without playing a match — so they paid the penalty with these defeats.

In Paris against France the story was a bit different.

First of all, Pele was back in the team and his skill as well as leadership inspired the others.

Also, the signs of fatigue began to vanish from the players and their usual jovial happy mood returned the day before the match.

True, Brazil still did not play her customary fine football but spasmodically the team gave a preview of things to come.

They managed to beat a very agile and good France, largely due to Pele's three goals.

PARIS GAMBLE

Moreira took a gamble in Paris and this paid off.

He used four novices in Eduardo, Dias, Marcos and Ney, all of whom stood their ground well at the Stade de Colombes.

Ney, at centre forward instead of Mengalvio or Amarildo, was particularly impressive.

This smallish dark forward from Corinthians (Sao Paulo) may soon be a regular member of the Brazilian team, replacing Coutinho, who, unfortunately, seems to put on more and more weight and also has some heart ailment.

I wouldn't be frank if I didn't admit that this Brazilian team is a far cry from the one that triumphed at Santiago last year.

But let's not forget that several pillars of that great side are now missing.

Nilton Santos, possibly the greatest full back of all times, retired at the age of 38, leaving a big gap in the team.

Didi, the brain and pacesetter of the forward line, has turned to coaching and neither Mengalvio nor Amarildo, Dorval or Ney have yet been able to fill his shoes.

Zozimo, that useful left half had to be left behind in Brazil because of bad form and Garrincha the fantastic right winger, did not make the trip because of a knee injury.

But these should be only temporary setbacks for Brazil which, I am sure, possesses the best reservoir of talents.

It is hard to say how the rest of the tour will turn out as Brazil still has many tough matches to play, including those against England, Italy and Germany.

But I can predict that there won't be another 5-1 defeat on this tour.

Moreira told me after the match in Paris that one reason for the European tour was to meet as many Continental teams as possible on their home grounds.

After all, the next World Cup in 1966 will be played in Europe and Brazil is dead serious about winning the title for the third time in a row.

So, if in the process of fact-finding a couple of defeats have to be suffered, these are regarded as the school fee one must pay.

And Brazil is prepared to pay quite a lot in order to get ready for 1966.

I am just sure as ever that Brazilian football, even without Pele, is the world's best.

And anybody who says they are washed up must either be terribly biased or sick in the head, maybe both.

Details of Brazil's second and third matches in Europe:

Belgium v. Brazil 5-1(4-1). Brussels, 55,000 spectators.

Belgium: Nicolay-Vliers, Verbiest, Raskin-Hanon, Lippens-Semmeling, Van Himst, Stockman, Vandenberg, Puis.

Brazil: Gilmar-D. Santos, Mauro, Claudio-Altair, Zito-Dorval, Mengalvio, Quarentinha, Amarildo, Zagalo.

Goals: Stockman (3), Van Himst and Altair (o.g.)for Belgium, Quarentinha for Brazil.

Brazil v. France 3-2(1-0). Paris, 50,000 spectators.

Brazil: Gilmar-D. Santos, Eduardo, Altair, Dias-Zito, Gerson-Marcos, Ney, Pele, Pepe.

France: Carnus-Rodzik, Lerond, Chorda-Maryan, Herbin-Wisnieski, Bonnel, Douis, Di Nallo, Cossou (Chillan).

Goals: Pele (3) for Brazil, Wisnieski and Di Nallo for France.

LATEST

Last Thursday Brazil played their fourth match at Rotterdam and lost 0-1.

On Sunday Brazil beat W. Germany 2-1 at Hamburg.

THE READERS WRITE

Bored stiff

I think the Sydney representative team did a great job on Anzac Day and proved the critics wrong.

It was not a star-studded team but prima-donnas were at a minimum.

They fought well and deserved their win.

I was, however, disappointed in the poor promotion which allowed spectators to bore themselves stiff watching juvenile players in the early fixtures.

The Federation should have staged a top second division fixture or a junior representative match between NSW and Victoria.

Olaf Orvadsson, Pymble

National league

If Australia is to reach world standard, a national league is essential.

Here is my version based on standard of play, attendances, finance and past record.

FIRST DIVISION:

APIA, Prague, Hakoah (NSW), P. Hellenic, Sth. Melbourne Hellas, George Cross, Wilhelmina, Azzurri (Q) Hellenic (Q), Juventus (S.A.), Budapest (S.A.) Adamstown.

2nd DIVISION NORTH:

Yugal, Budapest (NSW), South Coast, Canterbury, Croatia (NSW), Merton, Latrobe, Oxley, Awaba, Lake Macquarie, Wallsend, Auburn.

2nd DIVISION SOUTH:

JUST, Hakoah (Vic.), Slavia, Croatia (Vic.), Lion (Vic.), Victoria (SA), Orange, Croatia (SA), Polonia (SA), Melbourne HSC, Tricolore (WA), Azzurri (WA).

Four III. divisions according to regions would make up the rest, including in the West four teams from W.A.

J. Wiliams, Mortdale

Forget FIFA

I am amused at all the contradictory reports which appear nearly daily in the Press concerning Australia's position with FIFA.

If I had my way I would forget all about FIFA and certainly not change our former policy of importing top players from Europe.

Since we have adhered to FIFA rules we have only imported third rate players and no more stars like Baumgartner, Jaros, Kelly etc.

George McLelland, Jannali

Hands off

I resent the suggestion of your correspondent D. Della Vecchia (SW19/4/63) that Sydney shoud send those players that can't make the first grade to Brisbane and thereby help our attendances.

Quite commendable, I'm sure, but I think that we will manage nicely if the moneyed clubs in Sydney keep their hands off our first class players of which we had and still have quite a few.

After all, Queensland provided the following topliners to Sydney over the last two years: Tsombaras, Tristram, Bernie Harris, Woods and Tran.

Bob Waddell, Brisbane

(All were merely in transit in Brisbane; Tsombaras from Greece, the others from England. Ed.).

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Polonia-NS were the only home team to win in a weekend of very high scoring.

Corinthians trounced Thistle to retain its hundred per cent record and look like fighting out the promotion battle with Polonia, last weekend's great beneficiary.

The defeats of Granville and Sydney Austral could prove fatal even at this relatively early stage.

Concordia continues to surprise and are among the leaders while Toongabbie won the battle of the wooden spoon at hapless Manly's expense.

POLONIA-N.S. — SYD. AUSTRAL 4-1 (2-1)

Scorers: Bruce 5 min., Woodward 20 min., Rosik 67 min. and Gronowski 85 min. for Polonia-N.S.; Van Sitteren 30 min. for Sydney Austral.

Polonia-N.S.: H. Gronowski; Porter, Hanley; Rosa, Boland, Adamson; Woodward, Bruce, R. Gronowski, Reuter, Rosik.

Syd. Austral: Dykstra; Beerman, Rozendaal; Mestrum, De Looper, Ferguson; Ferreira, Van Der Wall, Van Sitteren, Pronk, Priessen.

Polonia-N.S. proved themselves promotion material by outclassing Sydney Austral after an even first half.

Coach R. Gronowski inspired his team to victory after lemons and he received great support from teen-agers Bruce and Woodward.

Sydney Austral's stereotyped football was easily countered by the more scientific Polonia players.

Referee: A. Boscovic.
Crowd: 350.

THISTLE — CORINTHIANS 0-6 (0-2)

Scorers: Bennett 28 & 85 mins., Hall 15 min., Hillsdon 48 min., Miller 65 min., Todd 80 min.

Thistle: Howard; Shepherd, Hart; R. Cummings. Haynes, Cook; Murray, Parish, M. Cummings, Colliver, Thompson.

Corinthians: Bathurst; Fazakerley, Herning; Daykin, Robinson, Hillsdon; Todd, Bennett, Miller, Hall, Wilding.

Thistle, although outclassed, never closed the game and Corinthians were able to play fast open football.

There was never any doubt about Corinthians' superiority.

Inside-men Hall and Bennett gave a brilliant display and spearheaded Corinthians' sixth successive win.

Referee: W. Irons.
Crowd: 400.

MELITA EAGLES — SUTHERLAND 2-4 (0-4)

Scorers: Merlino 57 min. and Azzopardi 70 min. for Melita Eagles; Dean 2 & 12 mins. and Osborne 4 & 32 mins. for Sutherland.

Melita Eagles: Gatt; Deboni, Schreiner; Dayney, Austin, Marks; Zammit, Horvath, Azzopardi, Merlino, Calleja.

Sutherland: Robinson; Tweedie, Christmas; Moore, Gillham, Shrubsole; Minto, Rattenbury, Dean, Osborne, Murray.

Huge mistakes by centre-half Austin allowed Sutherland to grab a three goal lead in the first 12 minutes.

Sutherland's win was against the general trend of play as Melita Eagles had far the better of play throughout.

Melita could have equalised in the second half had it not been for a near miraculous display by goalie Robinson.

Referee: Brown.
Crowd: 800.

BLACKTOWN — CONCORDIA 0-1 (0-0)

Scorer: Derbin 88 min. for Concordia.

Blacktown: Edgecumbe; Putri, S. Melinz; Seni, Andrezejewski, Jansen; Schaefer, Zoratto, Doevendans, Vibert, F. Melinz.

Concordia: Mateusek; Relich, Spottke; Baumgartner, Holzer, Wilker; Pokorny, Lind, Derbin, Karmainsky, Kennedy.

The Blacktown forwards lost a game they should have won by goals.

Concordia only relied on dangerous breakaways and scored from one of their rare sorties just before full-time.

It was a fast game with defences on top.

Referee: Smit.
Crowd: 300.

GRANVILLE — BALGOWNIE 3-4 (2-1)

Scorers: Simms 26 min., Young 36 min., Creely 75 min. for Granville; J. Niperess 35 & 62 mins., Hurt 55 min. and Tolhurst 72 min. for Balgownie.

Granville: Guggemos; Shugg, Wall; Pendleton, Lorenzutta, Creely; Berle, Simms, Young, Webb, Lindsay.

Balgownie: Di Santis; Beencke, Parmenter; Soldi, Egbers, Peters; Evans, J. Niperess, Hurt, R. Niperess, Tolhurst.

A very interesting game with Granville on top in the first half but Balgownie in control after lemons.

Granville could have scored more in the initial period but they collapsed when Balgownie turned on the pressure in a great 17 minute burst.

J. Niperess gave an outstanding display.

Referee: Buchan.
Crowd: 325.

MANLY — TOONGABBIE 4-5 (3-2)

Scorers: Bocsa 15 min., Holroyd 20 min., Abbebroek 31 min. and Roberts 85 min. for Manly; Rush 7 min., Cousins 21 & 76 mins., McDonald 57 min. and White 70 min. for Toongabbie.

Manly: Oren; Breen, Myers; Croal, Abbebroek, Collier; Zumbak, Roberts, Holroyd, Bocsa, Johnson.

Toongabbie: Barnes; Nellis, Baxter; Forester, Cooper, Cousins; White, Zahra, Ollier, McDonald, Rush.

Manly looked set for a big win when they led 2-0 after 20 minutes but the forwards did not press home the advantage.

Toongabbie came out in the second half determined to win and play became rough with both teams indulging in illegal tactics.

Manly collapsed half way through the second half and rallied too late to escape defeat.

Referee: Rae.
Crowd: 150.

SOCCER SERVED FOR LUNCH

Sydney's Public Service competition is believed to be unique in the world.

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Usually hundreds of people from nearby offices and work projects watch the games while munching their sandwiches.

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A year later an eight-team competition was started.

Since then the competition has been expanding and now there are 18 teams in two divisions with the usual promotion and relegation system.

The "grand final" attracts thousands of spectators yearly.

Players from many well-known Federation teams have always participated in the Domain matches.

At present the public Service first division competition table reads like this:

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P.M.G.	3	1	2	—	2	0	4
NSW Police	3	2	—	1	7	4	4
Lands	4	1	2	1	2	3	4
Transport	4	—	3	1	2	3	3
C. Council	4	—	2	2	0	3	2
G. Printing	4	—	2	2	0	5	2

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FOR AND AGAINST

WE LIKED

- Bob McLelland (Auburn) playing his 450th match.
- Hakoah's excellent service of giving half-time scores of other matches — something other clubs should follow.
- The tremendous battle between Sth. Coast United and Prague at Woonona last Sunday.

WE DID NOT LIKE

- The frequent excursions of dozens of children on the pitch at Arlington Oval last Saturday while the APIA v. Bankstown match was in progress.
- The very poor standard of both Saturday matches.

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Deferred games' details

Yugal v. Budapest 1-3 (1-1)
Athletic Field, May 3. Referee: R. Pearce. Crowd: 3000

Yugal: K. Spiegel 3, H. Ringhoff 4, J. Mucillo 3, M. Lazarevic 4, M. Stojanovic (sent off), F. Dunaj 3, E. Schwartz 4, N. Bulatovic 3, A. Nincevic 3, T. Jelisavcic 3, S. Pacanin 3. **Total: 33.**

Budapest: E. Grosz 3, H. Stegbauer 4, D. Buchanan 4, N. Brisby 4, P. Banicevic 4, H.Schaeffer 3, M. Krgin 3, L. Heredia 4, H. Rodriguez 3, S. Isaac 3, V. Fernandez 3. **Total: 38.**

Goals: L. Heredia (5 min.), T. Jelisavcic (9 min.), H. Rodriguez (56 min.), V. Fernandez (87 min.).

Reserves: Budapest 2-1.

Auburn v. Croatia 1-0 (0-0)
Referee: A. R. Brown; Crowd: 1,500

Goalscorer: A. Jeffrey 86 minutes.

Auburn: J. Comonsoli 5; J. Pretswell 4, D. Lapwood 3; R. Hall 4, **F. Van Gaalen** 5, R. McLelland 4; D. Carr 4, R. Baker 2, N. Tran 2, J. Bryce 3, A. Jeffrey 4.

Coach: J. Forgacs.
Total: 40.

Croatia: I. Djukic 4; W. McKinnon 4, B. Frlan 4; **R .Pomahac** 5, G. Kovacs 4, G. Frazer 4; P. Todorovic 4, E. Massey 3, R. Hoare 3, T. McWatters 2, L. Schauman 3.

Coach: E. Massey.
Total: 40.
Reserves: Croatia 3-2.

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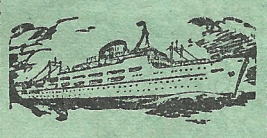
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THE NSW Railways workshops at Chullora has many top-line soccer players. Among them Massey, Mazzina, Medina, Morado, Lorenzo, Haniotis, Bruce Young, Maxwell, Genaris, Yugal reserve Kostic and referee Tony Boskovic. Up to 800 people watch lunch-time games played twice a week. Canterbury star of the 1930's Bob Brinkley is in charge of railway soccer and enjoys tremendous popularity with his cosmopolitan line-up. If any other factories, public works or business houses have soccer teams we would gladly give them space in this column.

CANTERBURY'S new Yugoslav "B" international Dragic Zivkovic will make his Australian debut on Saturday against Budapest at Arlington Oval. He arrived in Sydney on Wednesday with the greatest reputation of any Yugoslav player in Australia.

FORMER Scottish under 23 international Bob McKellar 24, and his wife are due in Sydney within a fortnight to join APIA. McKellar played against Eire on March 16, as half-back. After his brilliant display in Dublin five clubs, Wolves, Cardiff City, Arsenal, Rangers and Dundee United bid for his services. He chose Australia, however, as he thinks it offers a better future.

SOUTH COAST UNITED'S new Spanish player from Real Oviedo, Jose Aquero, did not cost the club a penny. The 21 years old inside forward walked into the club's training session and asked if he could have a run. It did not take coach Kelly very long to discover his ability and was promptly signed on. After a few games in the reserves Aquero is now one of the best forwards in the first team. He has been here four months and works at the steelworks.

PRAGUE have formed a 'Bring Out a Briton' committee which will work together with the Immigration Department.

SOUTH COAST UNITED have made it clear that they are only interested in players who can live and work in the Wollongong area. Coach Jim Kelly insists on a three night a week training. That partly explains why Wim Van der Gaag and Johnnie Bryce were transferred back to Sydney.

CROATIA have the following players on the transfer list: Ned Bonnazza for £200, Fred Hejtmanek £250 and Ivan Magony £150. All these players played a major part in bringing Croatia to first division in 1962. In addition Croatia may also exchange Robert Frazer for Gordon Hammil with Sydney Austral and transfer Bill McKinnon back to Balgownie. Newcastle Austral are interested in the Austrian trio of Hejtmanek, Wesely and Foitlin but the talented 24 years old Foitlin is not for sale at any price.

THE RECENT APIA 'Monte Carlo' night at the Cador, Five Dock, raised more than £800 for the club funds. Over 500 people enjoyed themselves immensely and are looking forward to the next such function which will be held on one of the new Lloyd Triestino luxury liners.

AUBURN'S promising 17 years old forward Stan Stacey who dislocated his hip five weeks ago is out of hospital but is on crutches.

JIMMY MOORE, Granville's inside-forward, is in hospital with a ruptured ulcer. He is certain to abandon football after a chequered career where he was capped for Australia and NSW.

REFEREE S. Lieberman is making a come-back after a two year spell. Last week he controlled an amateur division match. Lieberman was a leading referee in Poland after the war and reached the top in Sydney when he refereed the 1958 Grand Final between Canterbury and Auburn.

FOR AN enjoyable evening go along to the Auburn social club's dance at 3 Northumberland Road, Auburn, any Saturday night.

GLADESVILLE are expecting Derek Reynolds their new inside forward this weekend. The English amateur international was a team-mate of Hakoah's Eric Holder and he will be honeymooning on his way out to Australia as he only got married last Saturday.

HURSTVILLE council did not have any goalposts for the Budapest v. Auburn match last Sunday, an understandable predicament since soccer had not been played at Hurstville Oval for 27 years. To remedy the situation Budapest officials built them themselves. One official provided the timber, another the iron supports and the others put the posts up together. Although the official paying crowd last Sunday was 2,500 the actual attendance was over 3,000 including many juniors and invited guests for the opening. The oval has a 14,000 capacity.

CORINTHIANS' half-back Brian Williams will be out of soccer for five to six weeks. He slipped at work and broke his right ankle. Newly-arrived left full-back Daykin from Notts County will fill in for him.

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